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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 29

1. NYT (2) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT AT NEWS CONFERENCE FOR SOVIET AND FOREIGN REPORTERS, WIFE AND MOTHER OF BELENKO PLED FOR HIM TO COME HOME WITHOUT FEAR OF PUNISHMENT, WITH WIFE SAYING SHE HAD BEEN ASSURED "AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL" THAT HER HUSBAND WOULD BE FORGIVEN. ALSO OTHER PAPERS.
2. NYT (9) PETER GROSE REPORTS FROM THE UN ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE USSR FOR A SWEEPING BAN ON FORCE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF DIPLOMACY NOTING WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL EXPRESSED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SOVIET IDEA. ALSO WP, STAR, CSM.
3. NYT (44) AP FROM TORONTO REPORTS HOCKEY TEAMS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SOVIET UNION AND NORTHAMERICA'S WORLD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES FROM DECEMBER 11 TO JANUARY 12.

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4. WP (C-5) UPI REPORTS A NEW REVIEW BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF MINES SAYS THE SOVIET UNION IS THE WORLD'S

MOST SELF-SUFFICIENT INDUSTRIAL NATION IN MINERAL RAW

MATERIALS, AND IS THE LEADING PRODUCER OF PETROLEUM,
RAW STEEL AND IRON ORE.

5. SUN (5) HAL PIPER REPORTS FROM MOSCOW FACTS BELIE
SOVIET CLAIM THAT EVERYBODY IS HAPPY AND STATES SOVIET
REGULATIONS CONCERNING CONTACTS WITH WESTERNERS, NEWS
FROM WEST (MOSTLY BAD), AND LACK OF WESTERN BOOKS AND
MAGAZINES SUGGESTS TO WESTERN OBSERVERS THAT, DESPITE
PUBLIC POSE OF CONFIDENCE, SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE
AFRAID TO LET THEIR PEOPLE KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT WEST,
LEST IT CAUSE CRISIS OF FAITH IN THEIR OWN INSTITU-
TIONS.

6. WSJ (48) AP FROM MOSCOW REPORTS SOVIET-AMERICAN
TRADE MORE THAN DOUBLED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF
THIS YEAR FROM THE 1975 PACE, BUT SOVIET EXPORTS SAGGED
EVEN FURTHER IN THE HEAVILY IMBALANCED TRADE RELATION-
SHIP.

7. CSM (3) ERIC BOURNE FROM VIENNA REPORTS RESUMPTION
OF MBFR TALKS WITH ONLY MODERATE HOPES THE NEW ROUND
MAY ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN ITS NINE FORERUNNERS.

8. CSM (6) DAVID WILLIS SAYS LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN
UNHAPPY ONES FOR SOVIET IMAGE AND POLICIES IN A NUMBER
OF AREAS AND AS A RESULT, RISING SOVIET IRRITATION IS
MORE AND MORE VISIBLE IN MOSCOW.

9. CSM (6) BRIEF AP ITEM FROM AMSTERDAM SAYS SOVIETS
HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT CHESS MASTER AND DEFECTOR
KORCHNOI BE BARRED FROM THE NEXT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SERIES, ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION.

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CSM (15) DAVID WILLIS SAYS THERE'S WESTERN ROCK ON THE
VOLGA WITH SOVIET YOUTHS TWISTING AND SHAKING BUT THE
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